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**Subject:** Re: Decision 23/19 IV of the Adm Council Mercury Programme

**Importance:** High

Dear Madam/Sir,

Kindly find below the available information on mercury in Lebanon.

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There are no production of Hg in the country.

Trade of Hg  
Period covering 1/1/2002-28/2/2006  
Unit: Net weight in Tonne

	<b>2002</b>	<b>2003</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005</b>	<b>2006</b>
<b>NaOH (Liquid) import</b>	2,930	1,542	2,510	2,909	1,019
<b>NaOH (powder) import</b>	3,084	3,173	2,245	3,103	665
<b>NaOH (powder) export</b>	5	4	6	0	40
<b>Cl import</b>	678	763	872	786	167
<b>Cl export</b>	2	0	0	0	0
<b>Hg import</b>	6	0	0	2	0

In addition, there are no gold mines (small scale or others) in the country. However, the country has 48 jewelry manufacturing establishments licensed by the ministry of industry, that use Hg to transform the 14 or 18 karat gold to 24.

Thank you,  
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